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News Notes

ReadAloud

Thursday, June 2
Noon-Midnight

12-Hour Marathon!

“Odyssey”

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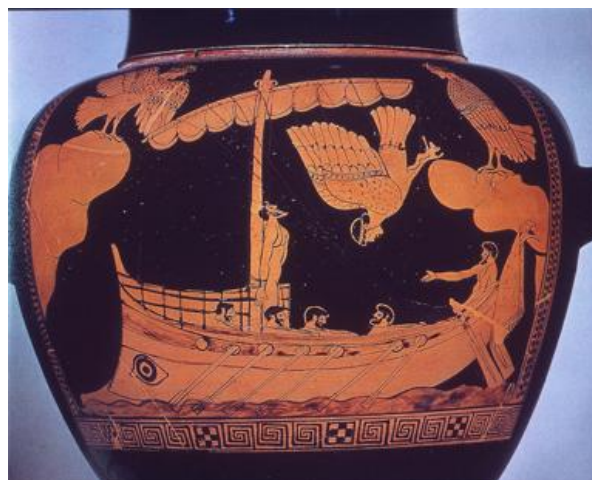
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Students and faculty from the Department of Greek and Latin will perform a reading of the entire text of Homer's *Odyssey* in English.



**Thompson Library Terrace,
in front of the Library**

1858 Neil Avenue

In case of rain, the readings will move into the Library lobby

Courtney, Fields, Straley appointed HSS Coordinators

OSU Libraries faculty members Nancy Courtney, Anne Fields and Dona Straley have been appointed to three newly-created Humanities Social Sciences Coordinator positions.

Library Director Joe Branin announced the appointments, which became effective June 1. Courtney will serve as Coordinator of HSS Outreach and Learning; Fields, Coordinator of HSS Research and Reference, and Straley, Coordinator of HSS Collections.

The three will work with Jim Bracken, Assistant Director for Libraries Collections, Instruction, and Humanities/Social Sciences, to identify and manage the many details related to this merging and implementing a new Humanities/Social Sciences Library and organization.

A year ago, when the decision was made to bring the Humanities (MLRRS) and Social Sciences (EHS) Libraries together, the question of how to

organize and manage the staff became an important issue. In January 2005, the decision was made to look internally for the coordinators. The decision came after months of discussion with the Executive Committee, several ad hoc groups, the faculty, and the employees at EHS and MLRRS.

Congratulations to Nancy, Anne, and Dona.

Libraries Announce Spot Bonuses

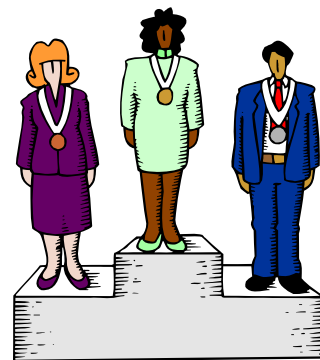
Several Libraries' staff members are receiving spot bonuses for work "above and beyond."

Kathie Miller and **Jean McMeans** were nominated for their work in ensuring Maureen Donovan was reimbursed for book purchases she made for the Libraries while abroad. Processing these books involved handling 57 packing lists with purchase orders representing 1,478 pieces. Processing these packing slips involved matching the slips, item by item, against six books of Japanese-language receipts.

Lila Anderson and **Betty Sawyers** were nominated for their work in co-chairing the Libraries' very

successful Campus Campaign. As reported earlier, 49% of all Libraries' staff joined in this year's campaign, an 11% increase over last year.

Congratulations to our colleagues on jobs well done.



Operation Feed Campaign a Success

The 2005 Operation Feed food drive was a great success! From April 19 through May 12 the Libraries collected 562 individual food items and \$275 in cash donations (equivalent to 1,112 meals). These donations will go towards the Mid-Ohio Food Bank's mission, helping to support the hungry in Central Ohio.

Not only did we receive an overwhelming amount of food donations, but several people helped with delivering and assembling boxes, and with collecting food items. We are extremely grateful for all of this

volunteer help and for the generous donations that we received this year. **Thank you all!**



Your Operation Feed Coordinators:

Christina Moore

Kristin Becknell

Charles Smith

Matejic Receives Honorary Degree from the University of Veliko Turnovo

Predrag Matejic, head of the Hilander Research Library, recently returned from Bulgaria, where he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Veliko Turnovo for his work Bulgarian literary heritage.

The text of the doctorate:

University of Veliko Turnovo "Sts. Cyril and Methodius" confers upon Prof. DFS (Doctor of the Philological Sciences) Predrag Matejic the title Doctor Honoris Causa for his significant contribution to the study and popularization of the medieval Bulgarian literary heritage. City of Veliko Turnovo. May 10, 2005. Signed by Dean Docent Dr. Bagreliia Borisova and Rector Prof. Dr. of the Philological Sciences Ivan Kharalampiev.



Pictured: Prof. Dr. Ivan Kharalampiev, Rector of the University of Veliko Turnovo; Predrag Matejic, and Prof. Dr. Vladimir Popov, Dean.

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

RETIREMENTS/FACULTY

Cataloging Department – James L. Murphy – Professor – has announced his retirement effective 03 June 2005

RETIREMENTS/STAFF

Serials/Electronic Resources – Mary Spillman – Library Associate 1 – has announced her retirement effective 30 June 2005

APPOINTMENTS/FACULTY

Health Sciences Library – Janet Waters has accepted the Medical Heritage Librarian position effective 01 March 2005

VACANCIES

ADMINISTRATIVE and PROFESSIONAL

Rare Books and Manuscripts - Assistant Curator – replacing John Scherer – 1st Listing

ASA/ASD (Thompson Main Library) – Accountant – 100% - replacing Scherer

STAFF

Business Office (Main Library) – Account Clerk 3 – 100% - replacing Carpenter

Business Library – Library Associate 2 – 100% - replacing Kersey – 1st Listing

Health Sciences Library
– Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Behring

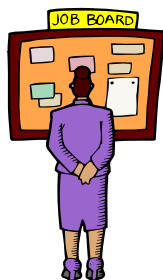
Science and Engineering Library –

Library Media Technical Assistant – 100% - 2nd Listing



In order to comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NEWS NOTES and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:



<http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>



Training News

Attention: Supervisors of Student Employees

Mark your calendars

Summer Quarter Training Sessions for New Student Employees

New student employees are required to attend a single two-hour library orientation workshop. The Summer Quarter workshops for new student employees will be held on the following dates:

—**Friday, June 24: 2:30-4:30pm**

—**Wednesday, July 6: 5:30-7:30pm**

All workshops will be held in **Room 122 of Main Library**. Refreshments and activity prizes will be given to the students who attend.

No reservations are needed.

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The Training Advisory Council (TAC) home page (<http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/training/>) has links to a variety of training documents and information resources. One can find there links to the Training/Conference calendars, handouts from the Eudora training workshops, a workbook on Excel Basics for Libraries Applications, and orientation materials for new faculty and staff employees.

Comments on any aspect of the training currently being offered by TAC are invited, as well as suggestions for additional training programs. Please write the Council Chair, Brian Miller, at miller.2507@osu.edu or call him at 292-1744 with your comments, compliments, and/or constructive criticism.



People News

John M. Bennett, Rare Books & MSS Library, has published 2 chapbooks of visual poetry, *O POOL* (with Jim Leftwich), Espoo, Finland: Eight-Page Press, 2005; and *STREWN DAMP COMB*, Espoo, Finland: Eight-Page Press, 2005.

Guoqing Li, Associate Professor and Chinese Studies Librarian was awarded 2005-2006 Faculty International Research Travel Grant by the Office of International Affairs of OSU last month. He will go to China this summer to work on strengthening existing cooperative programs and establishing new ones between The OSU Libraries and the Chinese libraries. Guoqing Li will also conduct lectures at two Chinese university libraries and carry out research on other projects.

Betsy Blankenship, Director, Marion Campus Library, has been elected to a two-year term as a Board Member at-Large for the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO). She is currently serving as PR/Outreach Coordinator and is a member of the 2005 Annual Conference Program Committee.

Jamie Ashworth is the new Library Associate I responsible for Serials and weekend supervision at the Newark Library. She replaces Michelle Giannaris who took a reference position with the public library in Lancaster this past February. Jamie comes with a degree from OSU, a library degree from Kent State University, and experience at Mt. Carmel Hospital's library. She started work May 23.

An article by **Kathy Dean**, "Reference That Rocks," was published in the May 2005 issue of *American Libraries*. Kathy is a reference librarian in the Information Services Department.

Next ASC Meeting

The ASC meeting at 1-2 p.m. on Monday, June 6, will feature Kim Lightle, Associate Director Instructional Resources, Eisenhower National Clearinghouse (ENC). She is expected to touch on the current programs of the ENC and how they are expected to change with the Center's imminent loss of funding; current grants they will be completing, and tips on successful grant writing; and their use of metadata and in particular OAI (Open Archives Initiative).

The meeting is open to all who are interested in the topics to be discussed.

Service Values of

The Ohio State University Libraries

In addition to supporting the University's Academic Plan, The Ohio State University Libraries commits to the following service values:

Learning: Advocate learning as a primary library principle in all interactions, including support of decision making at all levels and encouragement of professional growth and development.

Meeting Needs: Assess needs and provide service and/or needed resources accurately in a timely manner.

Respectful Interactions: Exercise a positive attitude, appreciate differences, maintain confidentiality, and provide a supportive atmosphere for inquiry and effective dialogue/communication.

Stewardship: Acquire, preserve, and protect human and information resources and maintain physical facilities to enhance the learning environment.

Creativity: Take the initiative; be dynamic and innovative in meeting people's needs, being willing to take risks and maintaining the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

Interdependence: Collaborate within and among library units, and foster partnerships and outreach to the larger community to ensure/enhance successful operations and accountability.

Mission Statement

The Ohio State University Libraries is committed to meeting the diverse and changing information needs of the University's students, faculty, and staff, and to participating in resource sharing programs throughout Ohio and the world.

The Libraries' facilities, collections, services, instruction, and scholarship contribute to the University's attainment of excellence in teaching, research and service.

To these ends, the Libraries collect, create, organize, manage, preserve and provide access to information sources, and foster an environment conducive to academic inquiry, scholarly communication, creative achievement, and lifelong learning.

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